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Sir:

Responsive to office letter dated November 29, 2005.

Examiner has stated that the reply filed on August 31, 2005 is not fully responsive to the prior office action because of the following omissions or matters. The copy of response filed on January 24, 2002 in the parent case, Serial No.: 09/849,884 addressed a rejection of claims 1 to 5 based on Miro (U.S. 6,166,852) in view of Basal (U.S. 6,264,859 B1) and Pavelka, et. al. (U.S. 5,387,458). Examiner states that the present rejection of claims 1 through 3 in this case is based on Miro in view of Pavelka, et. al., and that therefore the copy of the response filed in the parent case is not a proper response. The proper response is the response which addresses the rejection of claims 1 to 3 under Section 103 as unpatentable over Miro in view of Pavelka, et. al.

Paragraph 37 C.F.R. 1.104(2) states that in rejecting claims for one of novelty or for obviousness, the Examiner must cite the best reference at his or her command. When a reference is complex or shows or describes inventions other than that claimed by the applicant, the particular part relied on must be designated as nearly as practicable. The pertinence of each reference, if not apparent, must be clearly explained, in each rejected claim specified.

Applicant has supplied a response submitted in the parent application, Serial No. 09/849,884, in which Applicant explained his position relative to each of the three references. This position is equally applicable to a combination of only two of those previously considered references.

In the present application, claims 1, 2, and 3 essentially recite the same invention as was claimed in the parent application. It is noted that in Applicant's response in the parent application, Examiner did not pursue his position further.

It may possibly be that his present modified reference structure includes sufficient disclosure to enable a combination of these references, without further invention, to produce Applicant's presently claimed structure. This is not apparent in Examiner's action in either the parent application or the present application, and it appears to Applicant that Examiner has not complied with 37 C.F.R. 1.104(2). The pertinence of each reference, if not apparent, must be clearly explained and each rejected claim specified.

As previously argued, Applicant's principal contribution to the art lies in the appreciation that the optical brightener and one layer of ultraviolet absorber may be combined. He accommodates for fluorescence by providing a second relatively thin

layer which contains only a relatively modest amount of ultraviolet absorber which, in effect, serves to remove the fluorescent effect of the optical brightener, so that the net result is complete blockage of ultraviolet radiation in a simple package consisting of only two layers, the outer one of which can be considerably thinner because of its relatively lower ultraviolet blocking material content. Examiner has admitted that Miro does not disclose a combination of ultraviolet absorber and optical brightener in the adhesive layer, and a polysiloxane layer containing an ultraviolet absorber.

To provide for this deficiency, Examiner is now relying solely on Pavelka, et. al., without reference to Basil, et. al. He understands that Pavelka, et. al. disclose an article describing a fluorescent layer and an ultraviolet screening layer over the fluorescent layer, and thus teach that the incorporating of an ultraviolet absorber with a fluorescent material provides some improvement in fluorescent durability.

As understood by Applicant, and with reference to independent claim 1, Applicant does not understand that either of these references teach a first layer having an ultraviolet radiation absorber having an ultraviolet cut-off lower than about 385 nanometers, nor a fluorescent material which reflects ultraviolet radiation of wavelength above 385 nanometers; all of this being present in a single layer. Claim 1 also recites a second outer layer overlying the first inner layer having an ultraviolet radiation absorbent material which blocks at least some of the ultraviolet radiation of wavelength above 385 nanometers to reduce reflection in the fluorescent material in the first recited layer. Inquiry is made of Examiner as to where such a suggestion is presented.

Examiner is invited to make his next action final, and in such case, he is requested to specifically point out in each of the disclosures upon which he is relying where Applicant's invention as presently claimed is either shown or suggested.

Further and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully,

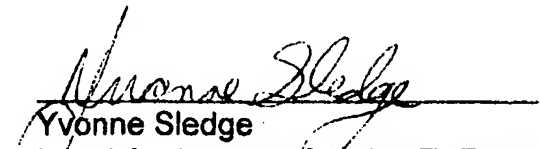


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